Construction and Detour Updates for Current, On-Going Projects

S. Washington Ave. Reconstruction/Streetscape Project (Barnes Ave. to Malcolm X St.)

Northbound Washington Avenue has been reopened to traffic. Road building continues on the west side of the street. Concrete curb and gutter has already been constructed on the west side. Paving of the remainder of Washington Avenue should occur in the next two weeks followed by pavement marking and parkway restoration. Reopening of Washington Avenue to two-way traffic should occur in mid to late October. Until then, southbound Washington Avenue is detoured east on Malcolm X Street to Cedar Street, south on Cedar Street to Mt. Hope Avenue, then west on Mt. Hope Avenue to Washington Avenue.

With construction on Washington Avenue nearing completion and the steam work in South Street complete, road construction on W. South Street is beginning. The reconstruction of W. South Street should take four weeks with completion expected by the end of October. Access to W. South Street is being maintained via Cottage Street.

Streetscaping on the west side of Washington Avenue between the CN railroad tracks and Elm Street has started. Concrete sidewalk and brick paver installation will be constructed this fall (completion in mid to late October) with the remainder of the work, including the east side streetscape, to be constructed in the spring.

The final paving of E. South Street between Platt Street and River Street (vacated) will occur the week of September 24, 2012.

As part of their gas main work, Consumers Energy will need to close Baker Street at Herbert Street for several days in early October. Baker Street traffic will be detoured, but local access will be maintained. Testing of the gas main will occur in November, which will result in the closure of South Street at Platt Street for several days.

All contractors and utility companies are required to maintain access to local businesses. Please patronize the businesses located in the REO Town construction zone. If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact the City's Project Engineer, Mr. Dan Danke, at (517) 483-4461 or via e-mail at ddanke@lansingmi.gov.

Millage Local Street Paving

Streets that have already been paved as part of this project include:

- Cooper Street between Marion Avenue and MLK Boulevard;
- Gordon Avenue between Marion Avenue and MLK Boulevard; and
- Karen Street between Wainwright Avenue and Stillwell Avenue.

Provided weather and other conditions permit, the following streets are anticipated to be paved in the next two weeks:

- Karen Street between Stillwell Avenue and Anson Street;
- Sylvester Avenue between Karen Street and Lucie Street; and
- Potter Avenue between Cedar Street and Donald Street.

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Michigan Dept. of Transportation (MDOT) M-43/Saginaw Street Bridge Reconstruction.

MDOT's construction contractor is currently working to complete painting, concrete curb, and sidewalk this week. The asphalt paving contractor will be on-site early next week to complete asphalt paving on Saginaw Street and on the river trail. The project is currently on schedule for reopening to through traffic by the second week of October, but wet weather could delay this by a few days.

This project involves complete removal and reconstruction of the M-43 (Saginaw Street) bridge over the Grand River. The project work also includes:

- changing the five-lane roadway to four lanes between Washington Avenue and North Cedar Street,
- widening sidewalks on both sides of the street from 5 feet to 8 feet, and
- improving the City of Lansing's River Trail by widening it from 7 feet to 10 feet, raising the path above the Grand River to minimize closures due to flooding, and increasing headroom based upon the modern bridge design.

The traffic detours resulting from the project are:

- Eastbound Saginaw Street/M-43 traffic is detoured north on Grand Avenue, east on Oakland Avenue; then, south on Center Street, and
- Oakland Avenue has been temporarily converted to a two-way street between Grand Avenue and Center Street to accommodate the detour route.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact MDOT's Lansing Transportation Service Center, (517) 324-2260, or for up-to-date information on this project, visit: www.michigan.gov/drive or www.twitter.com/michigandot

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